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1. WE DISCUSSED PROPOSED MARCH 21-22 MEETING IN PARIS WITH RAY MINGAY AT DEPARTMENT OF TRADE ON MARCH 15. HE SAID THE EC COUNTRIES HAVE DECLINED TO ATTEND THIS AD HOC OECD CONSULTATION, BUT DID SO STRICTLY ON THE PRACTICAL GROUNDS THAT THERE IS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO PREPARE ADEQUATELY FOR SUCH AN EARLY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

2. THE UK GOVERNMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF DIGESTING THE RESULTS OF THE MARCH 6-10 MEETING. A HIGH-LEVEL, PERHAP MINISTERIAL, REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF FUTURE UK CONFIDENTIAL

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POSITIONS IS UNDERWAY IN PREPARATION FOR THE APRIL 3-14 MEETING. THE FEELING HERE IS THAT THE PARIS MEETING WOULD COME BEFORE ADEQUATE INTERNAL DISCUSSION COULD TAKE PLACE IN LONDON AND OTHER EC CAPITALS, AND HENCE THE PARIS MEETING WOULD BE A STERILE REHASH OF EXISTING POSITIONS. MINGAY WOULD NOT IDENTIFY THE EC COUNTRY THAT LED THE MOVE TO SKIP THE PARIS MEETING, BUT HE DID

SAY IT WAS NOT THE UK OR FRANCE. WE UNDERSTAND EC
DECISION NOT TO ATTEND PARIS SESSION WAS COMMUNICATED TO
DEPARTMENT THROUGH DANISH PRESIDENCY, PROBABLY ON MARCH
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